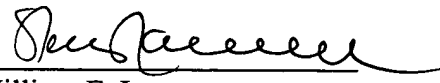


**REMARKS**

This application included a multiple dependent claim. The amendment removes the multiple claim dependency, and the filing fee for this application was computed on the basis that no dependent claim depends from more than one preceding claim. Also, new claim 20 is added.

Entry of this amendment and an early examination on the merits are respectfully solicited.

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